

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Public Safety

Monday, January 29, 2007

5:00 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:

Chair: CM Kramer
Vice Chair: CM Shanklin
Members: CM Downard, CM Flood, CM Green, CM Peden, and
CM Woolridge

Also Present:

President Blackwell

Special Items for Discussion: NONE

Chairman Kramer announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

AGENDA

O-7-01-07 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW § 39.062 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES [LMCO], RELATING TO THE WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSTABLES, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES.

Motion to Approve was made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Kelly Downard.

Discussion: Floyd Hockensmith, President of the Kentucky Constable Association, Bill O'Brien, Assistant County Attorney, Bill Warner, Assistant County Attorney, and Ron Wolf, Mayor's Office was present to speak and answer questions. The following was discussed:

- Possible language changes suggested by the Kentucky Constable Association regarding uniforms
- Uniforms to be distinguished so as not to look like other law enforcement agencies
- Duties for Constables vary throughout the state from law enforcement to processing warrants to directing traffic to School Guards. Duties given are according to the jurisdiction they are in.
 - Constables have restricted duties
 - Constables are not to do law enforcement for Louisville Jefferson County Metro
- Training
 - There is none at the present
 - Is not required at present
 - Constable Association wants Constables to have training
 - Constables receive nothing from the KLEF Fund
- Once a uniform is designated, it will be mandatory.
 - No state law at present regarding uniforms for Constables
 - Uniforms should be different enough to not be confused with other law enforcement uniforms
 - Uniforms worn now by constables are similar to LMPD or Sheriff
- The Metro Council's number one concern is public safety for Metro Louisville

CM Woolridge called the question.

CM Peden objected.

Further discussion included the following

- Colors to choose from for Constable Uniforms
- Training for Constables

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Kelly Downard, Barbara Shanklin, Kevin Kramer, James Peden, Mary C. Woolridge, Madonna Flood,
Against: (None)
Abstain: (None)
Absent: (None)

O-8-01-07 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING § 39.061 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES [LMCO], AND RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2003 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO COUNCIL, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ON CONSTABLES' VEHICLES..

Motion to Approve was made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Barbara Shanklin.

Discussion: Floyd Hockensmith, President of the Kentucky Constable Association, Bill O'Brien, Assistant County Attorney, Bill Warner, Assistant County Attorney, and Ron Wolf, Mayor's Office was present to speak and answer questions. The following was discussed:

- Constables are a Constitutional office
- Because of duties Constables perform, they should be allowed some lighting equipment for emergencies
- Lighting should not be misconstrued with police such as color or type of lights
- Constables have flashing safety lights just like everyone else
- Difference between Safety light and emergency light
- Training for Constables

Motion to Table this item until the next Public Safety Meeting so any Council Member wishing to speak to this ordinance will have the opportunity to do so at that meeting was made by Kevin Kramer and seconded by James Peden.

This item was **Tabled**.

R-214-12-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM KENTUCKY BOARD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 THROUGH THE LOUISVILLE METRO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GARMIN STREET PILOT GPS VEHICLE NAVIGATOR.

Motion to Approve was made by James Peden and seconded by Mary C. Woolridge.

Discussion: Marlene Ater, EMS, spoke to this item stating this an annually applied for grant. In 2006 EMS asked to use this grant for the purchase of Garmin GPS devices to be put in the ambulances. It was approved for that purpose. The purchase will be for 28 Garmins in which maintenance is included.

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Kelly Downard, Barbara Shanklin, Kevin Kramer, James Peden, Mary C. Woolridge, Madonna Flood,
Against: (None)
Abstain: (None)
Absent: (None)

R-215-12-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG DIVERSION INVESTIGATORS IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 TO BE RECEIVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion to Approve was made by James Peden and seconded by Madonna Flood.

Discussion: Sgt. Bill Stivers, Louisville Metro Police Prescription Unit, spoke stating this is a grant that awarded by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. It is the Country's largest Association involved in the education and prevention of prescription drug abuse. The grant is unrestricted and can be used for training, investigative expenses, equipment such as computers, printers, scanners, etc. to effectively combat prescription drug fraud and abuse in Metro Louisville.

By Unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Kelly Downard, Barbara Shanklin, Kevin Kramer, James Peden, Mary C. Woolridge, Madonna Flood,

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

Motion to Adjourn was made by Kelly Downard.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting February 8, 2007.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. without objection.

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